

## ABSTRACT

A compact tripod includes at least three legs converging on a spider and hinged thereto at one end by a corresponding hinge sleeve and fork member. A support is provided for a head mounted on the spider in a position such that it projects from the spider opposite the legs when the tripod is open in an operating position. The hinge sleeve and fork member are designed to allow the legs to be folded back from the part of the support when the tripod is closed in a non-operating position. Additionally, the hinge sleeve and fork member include a toothed element and a corresponding stop for the toothed element which are capable of interacting together to limit the extent by which the legs open with respect to the spider.

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